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### **An Invitation to the Community**

For the last 10 years, communities throughout Wisconsin have developed and implemented local health plans to address health conditions impacting their residents. This process has been referred to as “*community health improvement process*”, named in part, due to the resulting health status changes in a community and the people that live there.

In March of this year, Oneida County began its planning process for the five year Oneida County Health Plan to include 2006- 2010. An assessment team, made up of 34 leaders from the community, along with a steering committee of 14 members from Oneida County, met to review health data, identify community strengths and resources, and select the top health priorities to be focused on in the next five years.

During this process four priority areas emerged that include:

- Access to Health Care (with emphasis on medical, dental, and mental health)
- Overweight, Obesity and Lack of Physical Activity
- Alcohol and Other Substance Use and Addiction
- Tobacco Use and Exposure

The next phase of the process will include development of a plan. If you would like to participate in this process, please call the Oneida County Health Department at 369-6115.

*Oneida County Health Department will promote and protect the health of  
Oneida County by providing leadership, education and services.*